OKLAHOMA CITY

Concurrent Enrollment: Parent Edition

Deciding to Participate in Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment is an important academic decision and should be carefully considered. We are committed to providing high quality college-level education and we employ a very supportive faculty and staff, as our primary goal is ***Student Success***.

Benefits of Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment allows your student the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Students begin to experience the rigor of college-level coursework early. We believe this helps ease the transition to their next educational endeavor. Additionally, concurrent coursework can also fulfill high school course requirements. This varies from school to school, so please ask your student's counselor for more information.

College Courses

College courses are offered in a variety of locations and in a variety of formats. Courses can be offered completely online, with all coursework occurring electronically via the internet; on-campus, with all coursework occurring in the classroom (on the college campus or at your high school); or hybrid, with some coursework occurring in the classroom and some online.

Courses are offered in 8-week and 16-week formats. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) policy requires that concurrent courses follow the college's academic calendar. This includes times when the high school is closed (breaks, teacher professional days, etc.) If your student participates in extracurricular activities, this needs to be shared with your student's instructor early on. While some flexibility might be possible, all students are required to meet the same expectations, regardless of modality or location.

Lastly, please remember that admission to the university does not guarantee eligibility to take any course. Students must demonstrate college readiness through acceptable ACT/SAT/ACCUPLACER scores to be able to enroll in courses. More information can be found at https://osuokc.edu/concurrent.

Your Rights as a Parent/Guardian

Even if your student is not yet 18, concurrent students are considered college students. As college students, parents/guardians cannot access student information without the student's consent. This includes grades, attendance records, speaking to the professor, overall performance, bills, and most other information related to the student and their relationship with the college. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibit release of information about students, including grades, to anyone other than the student unless written permission is on file. Students must complete a Student Consent for Release of Educational Record Information form to give this authorization to another person. Please visit the Registrar's website for more information on FERPA and how to obtain and submit a release form.

Helping your Student be Successful

We encourage parents to allow their students the opportunity of completing their application to the university. This is a relatively easy process, but it does require that the student know their own personal information. Enabling students to do this, with you sitting alongside, means that your student is taking a big first step towards the independence and self-efficacy that being a successful college **and** high school student demands. Students should use their personal email accounts. If your student does not have an email account, there are several free options such as Gmail and Yahoo.

Ensure your student has adequate time and resources to be successful. Most courses have some online component, so a computer with reliable internet access is important. There are computer resources on campus if needed.

Students are responsible for their own coursework. Depending on the course design, there may be fewer reminders about coursework than they receive in high school. There are generally fewer assignments and fewer examinations. This means that one low grade can have a significant impact on the course grade. Low grades may also impact eligibility for high school extracurricular activities, continuation in concurrent enrollment, and even some scholarships, grants, and other forms of aid – including Oklahoma's Promise.

Students are considered regular college students. That means a rigorous academic environment where students need to exhibit a higher degree of independence/self-discipline. This is doubly so for online courses where you do not have an instructor reminding you at the end of class what is due for the next session. Encourage your student to create a calendar to keep track of all the requirements they are juggling; both high school and college.

Students who are struggling need to be proactive and contact their faculty. Students (not parents/guardians) must communicate with their high school counselor/instructor should they be struggling with coursework. Encourage your student to reach out for assistance when they first feel like they are not understanding or are having difficulties. Faculty are here to help students be successful, so please have your student reach out for assistance at any time. Students can access 24/7 tutoring for many topics through a link in their Canvas online classroom. If things do not go well and the decision to drop a course is made, the student must do so in their my.okstate.edu portal. Students are not automatically withdrawn for lack of attendance. Neglecting to do so can adversely affect a student's high school and college GPA.

Course Enrollment Limits / Workload

OSRHE policy limits high school students to a maximum of 19 semester credit hours. One half high school is considered equivalent to three semester credit hours of college work. Non-academic high school units are excluded from the workload calculation. This is to help further support student success! Students desiring to exceed the 19-hour max must submit petition form.

Costs of Attendance

Students are ultimately responsible for the costs incurred with attending courses. However, seniors are granted a tuition waiver for the first 18 credit hours of enrollment as provided by the Oklahoma Legislature. Juniors are granted a waiver for up to 12 credit hours of enrollment, based on funding from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Students are still responsible for tuition in excess of these credit hour limits, all fees, and any required textbooks. Some school districts may pay for part of the cost of concurrent enrollment. Please check with your high counselor for more information.

Textbooks

OSU-OKC has committed to doing its part in expanding access to college. Textbook prices are oftentimes the determining factor in enrolling. OSU-OKC has committed to providing as many low-cost/free textbooks as possible. Most general education courses use textbooks that are free, electronically, in the student's Canvas online classroom or for up to $25 for a printed version. All courses hosted on the high school campuses use these inexpensive resources.

Continued Enrollment

Every college course will go on your student's transcript. These courses are permanently included as a part of their academic history. Students whose cumulative college GPA falls below 2.0 are not eligible to enroll in college courses until after high school graduation.

Transfer of Credits

Credits earned through concurrent enrollment will count toward OSU-OKC degree programs and may be transferred to other colleges and universities in Oklahoma. For more information on course transfer, please visit the OSRHE course equivalency website at https://www.okhighered.org/transfer-students/course-transfer.shtml.